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Gilbertville friends bake bread for Western Mass. residents in need



Courtesy Photos

Best friends Jean Lubelczyk and Kathleen O'Shea after their first day of delivering freshly baked goods.

By Jonah Snowden
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REGION – In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are working together to provide bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need across Western Massachusetts.

The two friends are usually adventurous and were tired of being trapped inside of their place of residence. O'Shea said they began to work together after Lubelczyk texted her and asked to make some bread with her.

After their first try, they

decided to keep baking and bought 50 pounds of flour, as well as a bunch of ingredients, and decided that they should start donating their baked goods to others in need during the pandemic. After a post that was sent to a couple of groups on Facebook, they quickly learned that there was a high demand for freshly baked bread products.

O'Shea said that doing this makes them feel good, and like they are doing "God's work." "I think that we're meant to do this," said O'Shea.

O'Shea also said she gets positive messages from people

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Gilbertville residents and best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are currently baking white bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need.

DeBarge on coronavirus: "Be responsible" and "don't panic"

By Elise Linscott
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LUDLOW - The number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Western Massachusetts could peak sometime between late April and possibly into June, according to the latest models, and Ludlow town officials are asking the public to continue physical distancing.

Businesses in Ludlow and Indian Orchard have been cooperating with heightened cleanliness and social distancing standards, and many people have been staying home or only going out for walks with their in-home family. But there have been instances of groups of young people parking and gathering.

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Ludlow resident celebrates 50 years with City Tire

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LUDLOW – Ludlow resident John C. Davis recently reached a one-of-a-kind milestone: as of Tuesday, March 31, Davis has worked for the tire dealer and repair shop "City Tire," located in Springfield, for over 50 years.

Davis began his five-decade career on March 31, 1970, at the age of 21. At the time, Davis' father, John H. Davis, was working there, but passed away just three weeks after 21-year-old Davis began working there,

which he said was a "hardship" on his family.

Living at home with his mother, Olive Davis, and younger siblings, Mike Davis and Karen Davis-Saltmarsh, and receiving help from brothers Jim Davis and Bill Davis, Davis said he continued to work for City Tire to provide for his family.

Considering himself a family man, Davis said that to this day, the joy of being there for his family is what motivates him to work. Although his children – John Davis, Sarah Lemek and Chrissy Casagrande – have grown up and have families of

their own, Davis said that he still enjoys being able to help them.

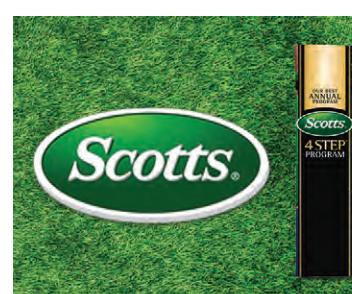
Davis began working at City Tire as a tire changer. Now, he serves as the Vice President of Commercial Sales and has held that position for 40 years. In his role, Davis directs all the service trucks and works with commercial companies such as Friendly's Ice Cream and Big Y. One thing that Davis said he enjoys about working for City Tire is the large amount of good and loyal customers, which he considers good friends and has had the pleasure of working

with.

Davis' children have been celebrating reaching this milestone along with him and said they're happy and appreciative of the many years of work and providing he has done. Lemek said that her father has always been working for his family and described him as someone who is so generous.

"He'd give a complete stranger a shirt off his back," she said. "We're just so proud of him, it just shows where hard work and dedication gets you."

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LUDLOW

Board of Selectmen chair Derek DeBarge: COVID-19 weekly update

This is Derek DeBarge, your Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with your weekly update regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and how it relates to our Town operations and all of us.

In Governor Baker's statement on April 2, there is some important information that I'd like to pass on to everyone regarding the projected surge in positive cases of COVID-19 on our State. The number of confirmed cases could range from 47,000 to 172,000. The models show hospitalizations would potentially peak between April 10th and 20th. The current fatality rate in Massachusetts is lower than in other areas at 1.5% of those infected. You can see further updates at www.Mass.Gov and www.CDC.Gov as well as our own website at www.ludlow.ma.us

Our Town Election will now be held on Monday, June 1, 2020. Our Annual Town Meeting normally scheduled in May will most likely be postponed to June as well.

From our Department of Public Works: Our Town Transfer Station and Compost Dump is now open

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In our community, we currently have 19 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases reported from area hospitals to our Board of Health as of April 6. This, however, does not reflect a true number of those that may be infected. If you are experiencing symptoms that are not severe enough to require hospitalization, we urge you to contact your doctor, in most cases, they will recommend that you stay home and quarantine for 14 days. Our confirmed cases continue to rise, and I think it is safe to say that our infected numbers (without tests) are larger. It is for this reason that we must all take responsibility for ourselves and those

in our charge to stay home. We can call/facetime/or online chat with friends and loved ones. If you do go out: avoid crowds, stay 6 feet away from others, and don't shake hands or hug. Kids should not be gathering in groups on any fields, parking lots, or anywhere for that matter. We were forced to take steps at our local parks and school play grounds by removing basketball hoops, dropping tennis court nets, and cordoning off play-scapes so that none are tempted to use them. We all understand that it's not easy to stay in, especially for our kids. I have a 20-year-old and a teenager myself. They get bored, sure, but we do what we can to entertain ourselves and pass the time together. My experiences throughout my career, especially in the service has been that if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. I said in my last call that Ludlow is forever strong, and I meant that, so let's work together and be part of the solution.

Thank you,
Derek G. DeBarge
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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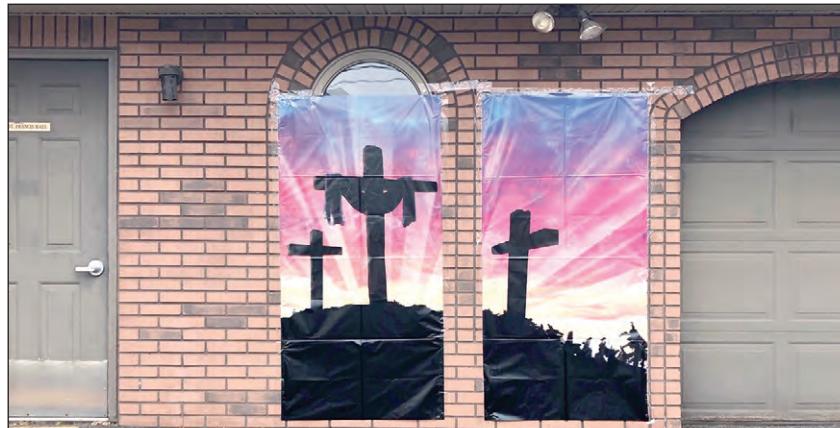


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EASTER SELFIE PHOTO OPS AT FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL



Courtesy photos
Colorful, huge Easter backdrop banners are up! They are being displayed during this Holy Week on the educational buildings on the front property of Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. The public is invited to enjoy taking selfie photos in front of the Easter theme banners. Selfie photos can be taken only during daytime hours for safe, Easter time keepsake pictures.



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Protecting Children from Abuse during the Coronavirus Pandemic

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

SPRINGFIELD – The coronavirus pandemic around the world is the perfect storm for creating another pandemic here at home – one of child abuse that affects one of our most vulnerable populations – children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, designed to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect. This year, Child Abuse Prevention Month is coming as the full thrust of the coronavirus pandemic begins to affect our community.

According to a report on NBC News, hotlines in Colorado, Texas, Illinois and California have received fewer reports of child abuse since stay-at-home orders have been put into place.

"So far, we are seeing a decrease in child abuse reports nationally. We don't know if this is because people are rallying in a storm, or because cases are 'socially isolating' and never being recognized or reported. One thing we do know is that the health, social and economic consequences of this pandemic are hugely stressful. Stress combined with being locked in the house together is a great breeding ground for emotional and physical abuse," said pediatrician Dr. Stephen Boos, medical director of the Baystate Family Advocacy Center.

NBC also reported that teachers, coaches and health care professionals,

people trained to recognize child abuse, "are just not seeing these kids," according to Daphne Young, chief communications officer for Childhelp, a child-welfare organization with a national abuse hotline. Unlike other hotlines, Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline has seen a 23 percent increase in calls and a 263 percent increase in texts compared to March 2019. With in-person operations limited at child protective service and other government agencies, kids and teens have been texting the hotline themselves from unsafe homes.

Children are shut in with families and all are bored, frightened and dealing with change and uncertainty, noted Dr. Boos.

He suggests three proven ways to prevent child abuse and increase children's resilience in these difficult times. Three elements of the "Strengthening Families Approach" are easily adapted to the current crisis – social connectedness, practical help in times of need, and knowledge of parenting and child development.

"We are supported and sustained by our relationship with others. We need to find ways to connect ourselves for sanity while isolating ourselves for safety," said Dr. Boos about being socially connected.

He suggests scheduling time in your day for phone calls, video chats, neighborly talks over the fence, and walks in



Dr. Stephen Boos

the woods while keeping the group small and maintaining that six-foot isolation.

"We should plan this for our own families before the stress gets to us. We can also reach out to other families for whom we had concerns before the current pandemic," he said.

Practical help also matters, whether it is a government check, someone dropping off groceries at your door or lending you a computer or Wi-Fi connection, or the charity of neighbors.

"Anything that makes it easier to get through the day, and especially something that tells you that your community cares about you, can give you the energy to tolerate one more complaint of boredom or one more tantrum by your child," said Dr. Boos.

Yet the hardest of the three elements is upping your game on parenting when you are stressed out and serving the role of parent, teacher, daycare provider, and after school activities director, he noted.

"I encourage parents to build a rational schedule for themselves and their children. You should plan for a regular wake up time, time for schoolwork in modest tolerable chunks, and rewarding and fun activities including screen time, social connecting, exercise, and spiritual or religious meditation. Adults need time to attend to themselves and to renew the primary parent-to-parent relationship. It is also good to schedule limited media time to check on the epidemic and not follow it obsessively from moment to

moment," said Dr. Boos.

"When things are going well, tell your kids what they are doing that is helpful, how it is helping you, and how much you appreciate it. Do this often and occasionally give them a reward. When things aren't going so well, let the child know without yelling or lecturing, but by saying it in a quiet word, simple gesture, or other signal. And, don't forget sleep. Set a bedtime, get all screens off a couple of hours beforehand, and schedule relaxing quiet activities in a darkened environment before bed," he added.

The Baystate pediatrician offered the following encouraging words in these difficult times.

"All of these recommendations are good for normal times as well. If we can gain these skills, connections and systems through this hard time, they can benefit us when it is all over and serve us when other adversity occurs in the future. When the coronavirus pandemic ends, we will find that the long-term payback was well worth the effort," said Dr. Boos.

Assistance for parents or guardians relating to children during the coronavirus pandemic is available by calling the Parental Stress Line at 1-800-632-8188 available 24/7 in all languages or visiting the Massachusetts organization at parentshelpingparents.org. Resources for parents and caregivers to help keep children safe from child sexual abuse are available at stopitnow.org or calling 1-888-PREVENT. Reports of suspected abuse can be made to the Department of Children and Families hotline at 1-800-792-5200.

they deliver to beforehand.

O'Shea also said that they have not been alone in this and have also been receiving generous donations from others. Without help, they would not be able to accomplish their deliveries without, especially upon realizing they needed more ingredients, including 200 pounds of flour and 40 dozen eggs.

They have received donations such as eggs, flour, yeast, and more from residents in surrounding towns such as West Springfield and Ware, and even from a resident in Florida. Jocelyn Marie from West Springfield donated 60 packets of yeast; Mary Oulette from Florida donated six pounds of flour; and John Morrin from Ware made a financial contribution.

Although they began doing this to help people through the coronavirus pandemic, both O'Shea and Lubelczyk decided that they will continue to offer their services for a couple of years.

When reflecting on all the work that they've done, Lubelczyk said that they are having a great time baking and enjoy helping other people, and this opportunity is the best thing that could have happened to them.

To inquire about ordering baked goods, call Lubelczyk's home phone at 413 477-6071.

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In this troubled time, we honor and remember Jason Thompson, a dedicated public servant who loved this town and the people in it, and who remains greatly missed by his staff and so many others in Ludlow.



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State income tax deadline extended to July 15

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo on March 27 announced an agreement to extend the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15 due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. This income tax relief is automatic and taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms to qualify.

"Massachusetts will move the state personal income tax filing and payment deadline to July 15, consistent with the federal government, in order to provide additional flexibility to filers during this crisis," said Governor Charlie Baker. "In partnership with our colleagues in the Legislature, we are committed to providing this flexibility to taxpayers in a way that protects the Commonwealth's strong fiscal footing that we have all

worked hard to develop over the past several years."

"We are proud to work with the Legislature to provide meaningful relief to people throughout the Commonwealth during this public health emergency," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This extension will afford taxpayers additional time to file their Massachusetts individual income tax returns as we carry out the historic response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

"The top priority during this public health crisis is to address the immediate needs facing our residents," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Our message is clear: residents should stay home and avoid social contact to be safe. Extending the tax deadline helps us accomplish that goal and provides peace of mind. I want to thank Chair Rodrigues, as well as our partners in the

House and the Administration for their continued collaboration in confronting the challenges facing our Commonwealth."

"The House, in partnership with the Senate and the Administration, agreed to an extension of the state tax filing deadline to ease the burden on individuals while agreeing to borrowing measures that would protect the Commonwealth's revenue stream," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "Thank you to Chair Michlewitz for his leadership in ensuring the Commonwealth's fiscal viability while providing tax relief to those unduly effected by this crisis."

Today's announcement will move the state income tax filing deadline to match the July 15 deadline for filing federal individual income taxes. Legislation will be filed in the near future to finance the extension, and accom-

panying administrative changes will be implemented through the Department of Revenue. Specifically, the legislation will authorize the Commonwealth borrowing flexibility to manage deferred revenue this fiscal year and repay it in the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2020.

Individuals with questions or concerns regarding taxes can contact the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at (617) 887-6367 or send a secure e-message through MassTaxConnect.

The Commonwealth will continue to update the public on further developments and individuals are encouraged to consult both the Department of Public Health and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites for the most up to date information.

The latest information and guidance regarding COVID-19 is always available at mass.gov/COVID19.

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ering in groups, which goes against recommended physical distancing practices.

"Most importantly is this: people just need to be responsible and think about themselves if they were health compromised and what they would want in a position if they were health compromised," Ludlow Board of Selectmen chair Derek DeBarge said. "They need to stay home. And not be tempted to go out in groups that are not their specific in-home family. That's the biggest trouble that we have. They just need to get through this by staying home and being responsible. I cannot stress that enough."

As of Monday, there were 19 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ludlow, and DeBarge said he expects that number to rise this week.

"Including those that are home self-quarantining because they feel asymptomatic, you can bet those numbers are much higher," he said.

Testing kits are not readily available in the area, so anyone exhibiting symptoms that aren't emergent is advised to call their doctor and self-quarantine at home while assuming they have the virus.

"Anybody that comes down with symptoms should call their primary care physician and talk to them about their symptoms," DeBarge said. "If their symptoms become emergent where their breathing is so badly compromised, that's when their doctor will probably suggest they do go to the emergency room. Other than that, our understanding through what we've been told and heard is their doctor will simply tell them to stay home. There are just not enough

tests."

The town's Board of Health is also asking citizens to inform the town if they have tested positive for the virus – hospitals are supposed to inform local boards of positive test results, but this can be delayed due to backlogs.

Anyone who's asymptomatic but who's been in contact with someone who may have the virus is asked to self-quarantine for 14 days and to inform the town. That way, it can be recorded in order to protect the safety of first responders in the event there's an emergency call to that address.

While there's a general atmosphere of fear and uncertainty surrounding the virus, DeBarge said he urges people not to panic, which can only make isolating at home feel worse. Instead, he recommends finding ways to pass the time with in-home family, whether that's playing board games and Nintendo Wii as DeBarge, his wife and two sons have been doing, going for walks outside or calling a friend and asking how they're spending time.

"We do the best we can with what we have with our families; we look after our neighbors and we get through this together," DeBarge said. "If anybody's alone, they can call us at Town Hall, even though we're not manning it with staff we have people in different offices with computers who are home and get those voicemails on their computers, so there's always somebody you can contact. Our senior center director has a computer, so seniors can contact the director there. And anybody in Town Hall. The best thing I can say is nobody has to be alone through this, and we'll get through it."

ends are spent visiting the kids or helping out," said Davis. "It's been 50 years and three days (as of Apr. 3), so I'm going to just to take it day by day."

He also said he enjoys helping out at the golf course at the Northampton Country Club, where Casagrande works as the owner. Also, when the weather gets better, he looks forward to doing some yard work.

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Going forward, Davis said that as he will continue to work and spend time with his wife, Christine Davis, and his family, specifically his grandchildren, Anna Casagrande, Kayley and Khloe Davis, Stanley, Lilly and Henry Lemek.

"They're all close by, so the week-



Courtesy Photo
John C. Davis,
a resident
of Ludlow,
recently
celebrated
his 50th year
working for
the tire dealer
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shop "City
Tire," located
in Springfield.



LUDLOW Senior CENTER

Jodi Zepke, Director

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One may wonder, "But, where's comfort and mercy in this COVID-19 pandemic?"

Comfort arrived as millions of heroic acts—seen and unseen—happened when people of all ages, races, and creeds responded to help with humanitarian needs.

"Where did we see that?"

See where our well-being, health and safety including our educational, vocational, and industrial pursuits were of utmost concerns when safety measures were started to "Cease the Spread of the COVID-19" virus. Look where our local, state, and nation-wide governing and presidential authorities announced that schools, colleges, non-essential businesses, entertainment venues must close, and that "social distancing" would save lives.

Within days, across our United States, millions of homebound students and adults were in homeschooling, and online educational classes.

"And, how did that happen???

Behind the scenes multitudes of Internet personnel and providers made sure that millions of computers, cellphones, and all forms of media and communication services would keep the public informed and updated as possible. These critical messaging systems also kept financial institutions and industries conversant as to how the coming economic crises would be managed.

"That's good news. Where's comfort and mercy?"

Comfort and mercy arrived as a life-threatening virus began spreading from shore to shore, country to country and to global continents. Support came from dedicated custodial staffs to diligent medical teams working inside buildings and hospitals. Aid arrived with the military helping patrolling state troopers, police and Emergency Medical Teams and fire personnel "Ready to roll" when and wherever needed-as much as humanly possible.

Acts of caring and compassion sprang into action. Anywhere. Everywhere. People sensed a new, deeper, keener responsibility for a child, an at-risk senior, a lonely neighbor, single parents, the homeless, and the urgent increase of community needs. Country-wide and globally houses of worship streamlined the Good News through internet services, or were permitted to have parking lot services wearing face masks, gloves, using microphones for sermons and music-while keeping rules of "social distancing."

Restaurant and school kitchen staffs began supplying student meals. Charitable kitchens stirred up meals for the needy. Fabric stores donated materials for masks for each drive-by, pick-up seamstress. Face-mask patterns covered the internet. Sewing machines had adults and youth "in stitches!" Colorful hospital masks were shared, collected and delivered to medical centers. Breweries converted to bottling hand sanitizers. Car manufacturers started producing ventilators. When restaurants closed, food pick-up services expanded. Drive-up and drive-thru windows efficiently and deliciously served hot meals to hungry and thankful people.

Comfort and mercy arrived and helped mitigation in countless courageous, non-



By Joan E. B.
Coombs



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Think Twice: Easter Bunnies and Coronavirus

As Easter 2020 approaches amidst the Covid-19 pandemic spreading throughout the world, I thought it'd be a good time to share my thoughts about the link between rabbits+Easter+Covid-19.

As current President of the House Rabbit Connection, Inc., Springfield, MA, a non-profit domestic rabbit rescue, I can't stress enough about why rabbits or other live animals should never be given to children as an Easter/birthday/holiday gift.

Rabbits are very delicate creatures and do not like being picked up or held. Children often man-handle rabbits to the point where they might scratch and/or bite the child when the bunny wants to get down.

They, as any other pet animal, are lifelong family members and not 'beginner' pets as many would believe.

Rabbits need to chew to keep their teeth trimmed. That means your computer cord, your wood trim, furniture, and carpets & rugs etc. can all fall prey to satisfying your bunnies natural instinct to chew.

And in these days of Coronavirus many veterinarians have drastically cut their hours to eliminate or reduce the opportunity to expose the public and staff to potentially infectious diseases.

tial Covid-19.

That means if your bunny, dog, cat, or bird needs Veterinary care while this virus is affecting so many worldwide chances are it may be difficult to get an appointment for them and get the medical attention they need.

In conclusion: please hold off on adopting or buying a bunny for your family (as well as any other pet) during this Coronavirus pandemic especially as an Easter gift.

Be vigilant about keeping yourself and your family safe and healthy.

Once this pandemic passes...and who knows when that'll be...there will be plenty of time to contact a reputable animal rescue to be matched with your perfect furr-ever pet.

Sincerely,
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GUEST COLUMN

Seeking restoration in nature

By Julie Midura

Many of us turn to nature to find restoration and renewal. We immerse ourselves in open spaces to escape from the stress of the world we live in. Sauntering through a forest allows us to jump off the hamster wheel that we're constantly running on in order to slow our bodies as well as our minds. Nature provides nourishment; physically.... mentally.... emotionally... and spiritually. That has never been more apparent as it is right now, as more people than ever before are turning to nature to find peace in the midst of the challenges that we are all facing.

As a result, wilderness areas are seeing an influx of visitors- leading to overcrowding- which has forced our government and local authorities to close several state forests and local hiking trails across our country. Restrictions have been placed on many outdoor spaces. Although we are being encouraged to go outside for fresh air and exercise, we have been asked to stay local and avoid places where large crowds have congregated. This is in an effort to slow the spread of Covid-19, and it is a sacrifice that we should all be willing to make.



This picture of my husband Tom and I was captured while we were on a mountain in New Hampshire. It was taken before the Coronavirus pandemic that we are all currently living through. Before words like 'shelter in place', 'social distancing', and 'self-quarantine' became commonplace. Before the generations became divided because 'their' way of handling this crisis is far different than 'ours'. Before fear permeated our thoughts and our world. Before life as we know it was suspended. Before reality became unreal.

One morning, we will wake to the dawning of a new day, in a world free of this pandemic. One day the world- and the state parks and the national forests-will be

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stop, 24/7 day and night shifts by air, land and sea workers with life-challenging situations. As days unfold, heroic helpers and grace agents are amazingly evident and will increase. Throughout global areas, psychological and physical relief will especially be experienced by patients, providers, researchers in the sciences and medical fields as antidotes, therapies and vaccines are discovered and proven

safe enough to use and save lives.

Good news also arrived when the United States Navy Ship Comfort sailed into New York City harbor and the USNS Mercy navigated into the Los Angeles, CA port. Both are "Mercy-class" hospital ships named for the virtue mercy. Each ship is fully staffed and equipped to provide acute medical and surgical services with 1,000 beds for patient care.

Good news gladdens our hearts. May it continue bringing comfort and mercy.

DCR postpones fishing start at reservoirs

Anglers looking to take advantage of the recreational fishing opportunities at Quabbin, Sudbury and Wachusett reservoirs will have to wait at least another month, following a recent announcement from the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, DCR announced April 3 that the opening of shoreline fishing has been postponed until Saturday, May 9. Boat

launch areas at these properties will also open May 9.

Shoreline fishing was scheduled to begin Saturday, April 4.

At this time, the Quabbin Visitor's Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time. The hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information visit mass.gov.

Bored, here you go!

horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This is the week to take charge of your overall health, Aries. If you haven't been feeling so well, now is the time to visit a doctor and get back on track.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you have your heart set on an art project but can't find the time, figure out a way to make it happen. If you commit to finding the time, your efforts will pay off.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, now is the perfect time to get up and get outside. Fresh air, sunshine and physical activity are long overdue, and they can infuse you with positive energy.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, do not get frustrated with a close friend if he or she seems less ambitious than you. Everyone works at his or her own pace and may not have the same focus as you. Be patient.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Use good relationships with loved ones and friends to organize group activities. Such outings will strengthen your already strong bonds with the people you love most, Leo.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you have not been exercising regularly of late, now is the ideal time to get back in the action. Embrace the physical and mental benefits of being active.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Let your ambition guide you this week, Libra. Spend the week mapping out strategies. Once you have a plan on paper, you can work towards executing it to perfection.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Do not have a moment's hesitation when taking on a project or spearheading plans this week, Scorpio. Your organizational skills are right for the job.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week should go well for you. Expect to feel a renewed energy and harbor a more positive outlook. Use this to your advantage in your career.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Ambition is creeping up on you and it cannot be ignored, Capricorn. You have the time now to devote to any plan of action, so don't be afraid to go all-in.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, do not be surprised if you wake up feeling super this week. Chances are this renewed strength and energy has something to do with better lifestyle habits.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, the cosmos puts an end to any lethargy you have been feeling. Use this opportunity to be active and pursue new goals.



Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to car care.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = e)

A. 13 21 26 8 22 10 21
Clue: Car or truck

B. 17 9 8 12 3 9 8 12
Clue: Take care of

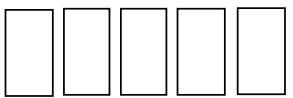
C. 21 12 11 8 12 21
Clue: Converts power into motion

D. 17 21 22 26 9 12 8 22
Clue: Fixes cars

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cars.

T M O O R



Answer: Motor

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on April 10, 1974. I graduated from Dartmouth College and began my career on the Broadway stage. I have been nominated for a Tony Award. But fans know me best as a small town cop from a popular Netflix series.

Answer: David Harbour

CAR CARE WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

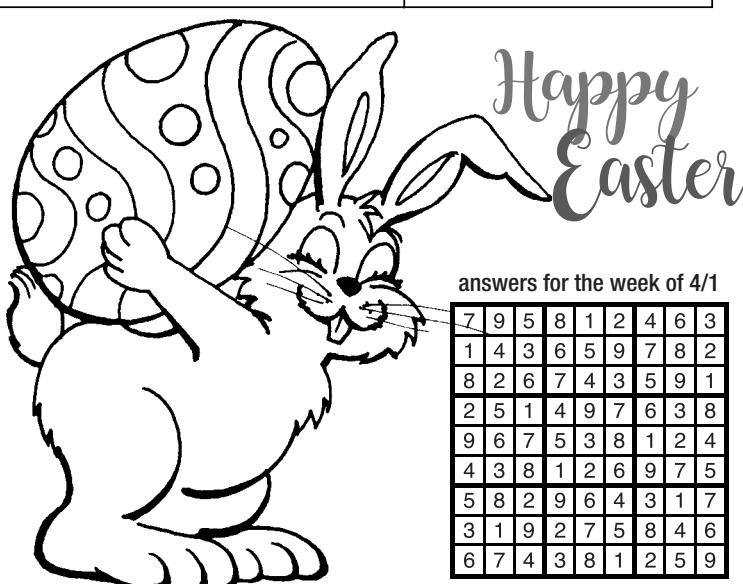
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answers for the week of 4/1

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ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS PAPERS

IN THE CLASSROOM

Ludlow Lions Club Scholarship applications available

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the James and Mary O'Neil (\$20,000 paid over four years), the S. Louis Marceau and the Paul R. Baird scholarships (\$1,000 each).

Eligible applicants must be residents of Ludlow, regardless of the high school attended, and entering freshman year this fall at an accredited college or technical school. The James and Mary O'Neil scholarship is available only to students who will be attending the University of

Massachusetts Amherst campus.

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Departments of Ludlow High School or Pope Francis Preparatory School, online at ludlowlions.org and facebook.com/ludlowlionsclub, by request at ludlowlions@yahoo.com or by contacting a Ludlow Lions Club member.

The Scholarship applications must be received by April 1, 2020. Mail applications to the Ludlow Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 72, Ludlow, MA 01056-0072.

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LHS As Schools Match Wits team readies for competition



Courtesy photo

Pictured, from left to right, are team members Olivia Dinis, Josh Gunn, Matt Tibbitts, Jake Wyllie and junior alternate Gage Glanville.

LUDLOW - The Ludlow High As Schools Match Wits team will compete April 11 against Suffield Academy in the 59th season of the well-known academic quiz show competition.

The match will be broadcast at 7

p.m. on public television channel 57 (Ludlow cable channel 7). For anyone who misses it, it may possibly be re-broadcast the following day, Sunday, April 12th at 10:30 AM but check your local listings. Go Lions!

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safe again. And when that day comes, it is my fervent hope that something positive will have come from the war that we have fought. I pray that when that day comes, we will never again take for granted the miracle of every sunrise and sunset. When that day comes, I hope that our eyes will open to an earth that is saturated with a kaleidoscope of more color and intensity than we ever dreamed possible. I hope to awake to a world where we never again take for granted the freedoms that we have and the people whom we are surrounded by.

I hope to wake to a world that remembers the isolation and the heartache and the suffering. I hope that we remember what was lost, in order to truly appreciate what we have gained. For we may

have lost much, but I believe that we will gain more. I believe that we will place more value on what is right... and real... and pure... and true. Things that truly matter- like faith, family, freedom, time, hope, and experiences.

I hope that we can rewrite history before we read about it in the future;

That during the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, the world did not succumb to hate and divisiveness, but that we came together in unity, in grace, and in love. That amid this crisis that is encompassing the globe, we found light amid all of the darkness.

This picture was taken on the summit of a mountain in a moment of unadulterated joy. It is my sincerest hope that our lives will soon reflect the joy that was so apparent on our faces that day.

In the meantime, I encourage you to go outside, while following the guidelines of social distancing. Enjoy the awakening of the earth from its long winter slumber. Watch the rebirth. And remember to breathe. Inhale deeply. Exhale softly. Fill your lungs with air while you fill your soul with peace.

Finally, during this unprecedented time in our lives, try to forget for a moment all that is wrong in this world.... and remember all that is right.

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MIAA board still hopes to have sectional tournaments

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association still seems hopeful of having a spring season as well as a spring tournament after “going back on its decision.”

In a vote held in mid-March, the Board of Directors voted that it would cancel tournament play if the start date for spring sports was delayed past April 27.

When Gov. Charlie Baker

announced on March 25 that the closure of schools, non-essential businesses, and a general stay-at-home advisory would extend until May 4, the MIAA and its board knew it would obviously be unable to start practices prior to that May 4.

The board then met again on March 30, agreeing that that the season can begin no earlier than May 4.

However, in a surprise turn, the board did not follow through on its decision to cancel tournaments. Instead, the season was

extended from June 20 to June 27 (or June 28 pending weather and facility needs). That vote was a unanimous 19-0 decision.

This means if Massachusetts is able to re-open schools and allow high school sports to commence, there will still be a tournament.

However, one caveat that is still in play is an ironic one.

If there is a tournament, the tournament will only be the four individual sectional tournaments held. There will be no state tournament. A little more than

a month ago, the state’s schools voted to go to a statewide tournament rather than have sectional tournaments, with the four sectional champions facing off in a state tournament.

A few other votes took place at the March 30 meeting, which was held by teleconference, much like the last few meetings of the MIAA BOD. The board is still requiring seven days from the first day of practice before games can be played. This means that no actual contests can take place before May 11.

Under the rules set up at the March 24 board meeting, schools will play between eight and 12 actual contests. This will be the case for baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, tennis, and boys volleyball. To qualify for tournament, a team must have at least eight contests. There are typically between 16 and 20 contests for most sports, though tennis sometimes ranges between 14 and 20 contests for

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PVIAC hopes to keep sectional tournament going

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – While the state will move toward implementing a statewide tournament in the fall of 2021, at least one section plans to attempt to have its own tournament.

The Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the governing body of the sports played by schools in Western Massachusetts, has confirmed it will seek to have its own tournament, likely to be built into the regular season.

David Stratton, athletic director of Agawam High School, and a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors, said his board is going to pursue options to hold a similar sectional tournament for most sports.

Lou Conte, a former athletic director at Agawam, and the PVIAC’s Executive Secretary, said the PVIAC is working on gathering as much information as possible to propose what a tournament would look like.

“We have experience having tournaments,” said Conte. “We do one for indoor track, outdoor track, and cross country. But we have not done them with the team sports. We would have to see how the logistics would work out.”

Among the more popular tournaments are fall tournaments for soccer and the winter tournament for basketball to name Western Mass. champions in those respective sports. Stratton believes the region still deserves to have a tournament.

“The tournament has always been important to the schools, and to the kids,” said Stratton. “Our board would like to see us have a sectional tournament still.”

Many schools in Western and Central Massachusetts opposed the statewide tournament proposal in a vote taken on Feb. 28 at Assabet Valley Technical High School. The vote saw more than 330 schools participate, with the majority deciding to go with a statewide tour-



The Western Massachusetts tournament has yielded special memories for many of the area schools that participate. The PVIAC hopes to keep the tournament alive after the state made the decision to hold a statewide tournament only. That tournament will begin in fall 2021.

nament. More than 100 votes went against the proposal, meaning some Eastern Massachusetts schools voted against it, some feeling the proposal needed more time to develop.

Conte said there are a lot of logistics that will need to be worked out if Western Mass. tournaments are to be continued under the PVIAC umbrella. Among the many logistics to be considered will be how to fund the tournaments. The MIAA helps fund the current tournaments, which include staffing the neutral sites and paying for

some venues. One thing working for the PVIAC would be more flexibility in where games could be held.

Western Massachusetts would also have to consider dropping regular season games in order to find time to hold the tournament. Because the statewide tournaments will be a 32-team bracket, it will be five to six rounds. The sixth round will be a preliminary phase to get .500-qualifying teams an opportunity to make the round of 32.

Current sectional tourna-

ments are typically played over the course of two weeks, with the semifinals and finals of a state tournament between the sectional champions occurring in a third week. All three of those weeks would likely be needed to play new state tournament format, so Stratton said it was likely a week or more would have to be removed from the end of the regular season in order to fit in a sectional tournament. This would lower the number of regular season

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Early golf season derailed by coronavirus closures

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REGION – Sports have become non-existent since the coronavirus took over daily life in Massachusetts and the entire country.

But for a while, there was one sport many people could turn to: golf.

Golf could have been a beautiful activity given that it lends itself to social distancing and does not involve too many people in the same place at the same time.

But social distancing was not enough, and Gov. Charlie Baker closed all non-essential businesses and issued the stay-at-home advisory, which is now extended until May 4.

Unfortunately for some golf courses, they had to close up shop after it appeared an early spring was going to allow for people to get some rounds in.

Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown opened up on March 9. David Wright said the course opened and remained open for a couple of weeks. But the non-essential business closure made by Baker cut the early season short and Wright said the course has been closed on March 20.

“A small maintenance crew will be starting part time on Monday, April 6 and will be doing just the minimum to keep the course in shape,” said Wright. “We also took out all the tees and markers and placed a sign up saying the course is closed.”

Unlike the issues that have had Springfield Mayor Dominic Sarno publicly chiding people

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Sam Abdou
TOWN: Ludlow

Abdou was part of a Ludlow boys basketball team in 2019-2020 that reached tournament for the first time in several years.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



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Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION — The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back.

The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site.

For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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for using golf courses in Springfield, places like Cold Spring and Chicopee Country Club have not had issues with intruders using the course on their own.

Since the non-essential business closure, the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations negotiated with the governor to at least allow courses to begin maintaining the courses. The maintenance factor is crucial, otherwise courses run the risk that the courses will not be ready at the moment the order is lifted.

Mike O'Neill, representing Chicopee Country Club, said he was very pleased with the ability to keep the course up.

"Being allowed to continue maintenance during those temporary closures ensures the course will be ready for operations in the near future," said O'Neill. "We all share the same goal of returning to recreational normalcy, when clubs can welcome golfers back to the tee."

O'Neill encourages people to heed the advice of state and federal officials to maintain social distancing.

"We ask that the people in the Massachusetts golf community work through this together in a respectful and responsible way by following the protocols of the CDC, WHO, and local health officials," said O'Neill.

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Registrations piling in for start of Modified season

SEEKONK — The COVID-19 pandemic may have delayed the start of the Tri Track Open Modified Series season, but the list of entered drivers and car owners for 2020 continues to grow just over a month before the drop of the first scheduled green flag.

For those who haven't seen, the start of the season has been delayed until May 9 at Monadnock Speedway -- but that date is fluid, depending on how the pandemic develops. As of this writing, the entire schedule remains in place, with Monadnock on May 9 and Claremont Speedway on May 24th opening the season.

"We're still on target for May 9 as of now," Wayne Darling, one of two Managing Partner's for the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. "Our registrations are growing daily -- with some stout talent lined up to compete for a large purse. We also want to remind everyone about the Pepsi Challenge, which will pay heat race winners in 2020."

A former series champion and countless winners are on the current entry list -- one filled with talent from top to bottom. Defending series champion Ronnie Williams is looking to repeat in 2020, with car owner Gary Casella, as the combination comes back fired up and ready for more. They were able to visit Victory Lane at Seekonk Speedway last year as part of the \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday before earning their crown.

Ron Silk and Chase Dowling, two drivers who earned victories last year, are both back with the same team. Silk teams

with Bob Horn, as Dowling teams with Jimmy Paige. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is also well represented.

Matt Swanson, who drives for the historic Boehler Racing on the tour, will drive for Larry Westgate in a car prepared by Boehler Racing, carrying the famed 'Ole Blue' colors. Woody Pitkat, who is back teaming with Stan Mertz, returns to wheel the No. 6, while former NASCAR Modified Tour Rookie of the year Calvin Carroll returns to Tri Track for another round.

On the veteran front, Kirk Alexander, Les Hinckley and Tommy Barrett are coming back.

Weekly SK Modified racers from Stafford Speedway set to compete with Tri Track in 2020 include Matt Galko and Andrew Molleur, one of many upcoming Modified stars. Mike Willis, who earned his first Tri Track win last year at his home track of Claremont, is coming back, this time with car owner Cam McDermott. Rising stars Ryan Doucette, Dylan Izzo, Brian Robie and Derek Robbie are also on the list.

Additional entries include Jim Gavek, Andrew Charron, Carl Medeiros Jr., Matt Kimball and Austin Kochenash. Look for car owner Rick Kluth to unload a car with a new number, No. 44, with a driver TBA.

For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, follow the series on the web at tritrackmodifieds.com and on social media, including Facebook and Instagram. Any additional updates regarding the schedule will be released when available.

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an individual school.

The new cutoff date for regular season contests will be June 12 with seeding occurring on June 13. Tournaments would begin on June 15.

Additionally, the board tasked the Tournament Management Committee, which has been working closely with the Board of Directors, with coming up with a tournament structure to be submitted to the board for April 9.

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games played by Western Mass. schools, and could hurt those schools' chances for higher seeds in a state tournament. Fewer games played could result in fewer opportunities for wins, which plays into the

A future board meeting has not been scheduled, but board meetings have been called each time new guidance has been put out by the state government.

Current CDC guidelines and federal advisories limit interaction to groups of no more than 10 people. It is possible, depending on how rigorously the guidelines are relaxed, that athletes are able to play sports the remainder of the spring, but they could have to do so without any crowds present.

MaxPreps formula, which will be used to determine state tournament seeds.

While there is a hold on meetings regarding a sectional tournament during the coronavirus pandemic, the subject will continue to be discussed in the coming months.

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Duarte, Sherri A. (Brown)

Died March 29, 2020
All services are private
Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

Kiel, Anne Marie

Died March 29, 2020
Memorial Mass at a later date
Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

Provost, Hubert

Died March 2, 2020
Private Services at MA Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

Rita, Laura

Died April 2, 2020
Private Service Island Pond Cemetery

Szlosek, Rose M.

Died March 27, 2020
Funeral services will be private
Ludlow Funeral Home

Sherri A. Duarte, 61

LUDLOW - Sherri A. (Brown) Duarte, 61, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Baystate Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family. Born August 24, 1958 in Ashland, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Carol Brown and the late Richard Brown Sr.



and Brayden. Sherri leaves behind many extended family and friends.

She grew up with a passion for dance and spent many years teaching tap, ballet and jazz at Charmaine School of Dance in Springfield. She enjoyed trips to Old Orchard Beach and watching bands with family and friends. She was the heart of her home, giving anyone who stepped in a warm welcome, laughter and memories that could be shared for a lifetime.

All services are private. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Anne Marie Kiel, 68

LUDLOW - Anne Marie (Czub) Kiel, 68, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Born in Palmer on June 19, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Veronica (Gondek) Czub.



Anne Marie was a graduate of Ludlow High School and Westfield State College. She began her teaching career in Three Rivers at St. Anne's School, then was a teacher/librarian at East St. and Veteran's Park Elementary Schools for over 20 years. Working with children was Anne Marie's greatest joy; she was a talented author and artist, publishing *The Pet in my Pocket* in 2018. She was a devout member of Christ the King Church, a member of the parish's Ladies' Guild and St. Anne Sodality, and a past President of the Veteran's Park PTO.

She was a loving, devoted wife, mother, sister and friend.

Anne Marie is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Walter Kiel Jr. of Ludlow; two sons Adam Kiel and his partner Tracie of Milford, MA; Todd Kiel and his wife Jennifer of Bolton, VT; her sister Barbara Gill of Kittery, ME and her daughters Katie and Carly, as well as several nephews.

A memorial Mass celebrating Anne Marie's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Anne Marie's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Mass/NH, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472 or www.alz.org or Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow, MA 01056. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

Hubert (Sonny) Provost, 81

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Hubert (Sonny) Provost, 81 of Ludlow passed away on March 2, 2020 in Fort Myers, FL. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 60 years Celeste (Sally) Provost, a loving son Stephen Provost (Nancy) of Ludlow, MA as well as two siblings, Leon Provost of Ludlow, MA and Geraldine Stone of Chicopee, MA.



He also leaves sisters-in-

law Rose Fernandes, Mary Hogan (Robert), Evelyn Queiros, Mabel Del Buono (Gino), and brother-in-law Armand Queiros (Elaine), along with many nieces and nephews.

Private committal services will be held at the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA.

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Myers, FL were entrusted with final care.

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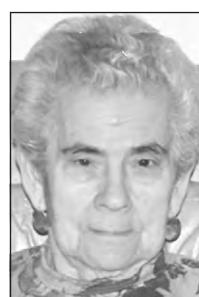
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Laura Rita, 89

LUDLOW - Laura Rita, 89, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 2, 2020. Born in Carris de Evora, Portugal, daughter of the late Duarte Tereso and Maria Rita, she immigrated to Ludlow in 1978 where she worked for many years at Ludlow Textiles and Milton Bradley from where she retired. Laura was a faithful communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard and in her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, having lots of fun with the family dogs "Pickles" and "Shadow", and had a special talent for crocheting. She loved to make bed-spreads, doilies and beautiful gifts for those she loved. While raising her family, she often made homemade treasures for them including dresses for her daughter's dolls. Cooking and baking was her expertise and she was especially known for



her "Rissóis de Camarão". She also loved to dance and cherished traveling with her family. Laura was a beloved and devoted mother to Luis Vala and his wife Christine; and Dolores Braza and her husband John. She leaves two loving grandchildren Gavin and Morgan Vala which she enjoyed spending time with; all of Ludlow. She also leaves her dear sister Eliza Rita Neto, was predeceased by her siblings Ana Rita, Gertrudes Rita, Jose Tereso, and Maria Rita; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. A private service will be held by Laura's family in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Laura's memory to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

Rose Marie Szlosek, 64

HADLEY - Rose Marie Szlosek, 64, of Hadley, MA, was peacefully called home by our Lord on Friday, March 27, 2020, where her heavenly body will stand tall and walk with our Lord and His angels beside those who loved her in the past, and will watch over those who love her still. In our imperfect world, Rosie's body and mind were severely compromised, but that never prevented her from sharing her beautiful smile that lifted everyone's spirits or from shouting a boisterous, "Hi-eee" greeting to those she held dear. Rosie, as she was affectionately known by all that loved her, was a music enthusiast who especially enjoyed listening to polka music and playing her portable keyboard. Born in Ludlow to the late Frederick and Helen (Deroche) Szlosek, Rosie resided in South Deerfield for 21 years before moving to Hadley seven years ago. Rosie leaves behind her brother Fred Szlosek, Jr., and his wife Elaine of Ludlow; 3 sisters Genny Santos and her husband Victor of Palmer, Bonnie Ata-



nian of Springfield, and Teri Szlosek and her husband Gene Holcomb of Springfield. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as her extended family of housemates and care providers. Rosie's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all of her caring house staff, nurses, Hospice staff and house managers, Bob Croke in South Deerfield and Amanda Ratcliffe and Meghan Lucia in Hadley, who through their tireless and compassionate care, Rosie's days were often filled with adventure and joy. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a private funeral service will be held at the Ludlow Funeral Home. The family is planning a Memorial Mass at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow followed by a celebration of Rosie's life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Rose Marie Szlosek to: Students for Life of America, 4755 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, VA. 22408. For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

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THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and

friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Health-south, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

EVENTS

Editor's note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper's weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

GENEALOGY FUNDRAISER A "Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser" is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape, including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic

steeple. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire them to just "get going" again. Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants.

QUILT SHOW will be presented by the Pioneer Valley Quilters on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, at the Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Admission is \$10; free for 12 and under. Free parking. An award-winning quilt to be raffled as well as many baskets of fun items. Items and food for sale. Lots of fun and beautiful quilts on display. Visit the group's website at www.pvquilt.org. For more information specifically about the quilt show, email foy18@comcast.net.

TRIPS

MOHEGAN SUN Indian Orchard's Immaculate Conception Church seniors are having a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on March 15. The cost is \$25. For more information call Albina at 413-543-2374.

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

"**CATS**" at Proctors Theater in Schenectady, N.Y. Thursday, April 30. Package includes

roundtrip deluxe motor coach. Free time at Rivers Casino with \$20 slot play and \$10 meal credit. Matinee performance of "Cats," meals taxes and gratuities. Cost is \$100 per person, with \$50 due at sign up. Final payment due March 25. Bus departs 7:30 a.m.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see "Queen Esther" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to 28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show "Josiah for President" (Dinner #1) and Miller's Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). "Queen Esther" will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mastoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver's gratuity included. Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant, natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

"**GHOST OF A CHANCE**" at The Newport Play-

house & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

VERMONT – July 27-30, 2020 - Deluxe hotel in downtown Burlington, Church Street Marketplace, Shelburne Museum, Hildene Lincoln Estate, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Stowe aerial gondola up Mt. Mansfield, Rock of Ages Granite Factory & Quarry tour, Ben & Jerry's tour, Trapp Family Lodge lunch, Quechee Gorge, Cold Hollow Cider, Woodstock, Vermont Country Store; seven meals, luggage handling, driver and guide gratuities included: \$1,099 pp doubles. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Sept. 8-15, 2020 - Eight days, 12 meals: Spend three nights near the Santa Monica Pier with an extensive tour of Los

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9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman's Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see "9 to 5 The Musical" by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SOUTH AFRICA – Oct. 14-26 and Oct. 26-Nov. 7, 2020 - Two departures to choose from, each 13 days with 20 meals. Visit Cape Town and Johannesburg including Soweto and the home of

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SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY – Dec. 3-7, 2020 - our days at Westin Hotel on the city's Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of the following trips, please call Loretta @ 413-592-7350, Stacy @ 413-593-1172, or Dianne @ 413-214-3822. Trips depart from Szt Park, Chicopee and Stop & Shop, West Springfield. Make payments to LORETTA GOYETTE 582 E. Main St. Chicopee, Ma .01020.

QUEEN ESTHER at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, Pa. June 9-11, includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at Comfort Inn, Lancaster with two breakfasts, one dinner at the Mount Hope Estate & Winery and one dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, Improv Comedy Show, the Queen Esther Show, Village Insider at Kitchen Kettle Village, visit to the Old Windmill Farm, and a ride aboard the Strasburg Railroad through the Amish Farmlands. Cost \$ 521. pp. double/triple. due April 21, 2020

THE ROARING 20'S at St. Clement's Castle, Portland, Ct., Tuesday, June 16, 2020 Dine in the Prince Edward Ballroom, the favorite Friendship Band "Triad" will be performing the music of this great era to listen and to dance to. Learn to dance the Charleston with professional dancers. Cost \$ 94 pp. \$25. deposit due with reservation. Final payment due May 8, 2020.

CRUISING GLOUCESTER HARBOR, Sunday, July 26, 2020. Buffet Lunch aboard the Beauport Princess with DJ music and light narration. visit Rockport and shop in the many galleries. Cost \$ 114. pp. \$25. deposit due with reservation Final payment due June 19, 2020.

THE EDWARDS TWINS, Thursday, August 13, 2020. The Number One Impersonation act in the world. Their vocals and looks are amazing. Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Ct. Coffee & Donuts on arrival, Family Style Menu: Salad, Chicken ala Kathryn, Broiled Scrod, vegetable, potato, dessert, beverage. Cost \$103. pp. \$25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due July 3, 2020.

UNCHAINED MELODY: Tuesday, September 22, 2020. starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords, dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. Family style meal with Chicken Parmesan, Roast Pork, Pasta with homemade sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red & White Wine on every table. Cost: \$93. pp. \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due August 14, 2020.

A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday, November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris, at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. A tribute to America's Veterans. Family style meal Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey with Gravy and Sliced Roast Beef with gravy, roasted potato, Vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white Wine on every table. Cost \$ 94. pp. \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020.



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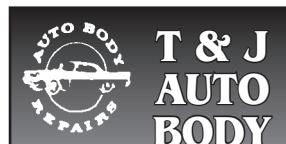
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Storowton Village offers summer youth programs

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Storowton Village Museum will offer a variety of special summer youth programs for teens and for children during the month of July.

Teen Leader Workshops will take place July 6-9 for youth ages 14-18. Students can experience 19th century trades, like blacksmithing, textiles, and cooking, in a hands-on setting and learn how these trades are still vital in the 21st century. All sessions will be taught by experienced historical instructors and include meeting modern day leaders in these fields.

"Teens will get to roll up their sleeves and work in the Clark Blacksmith Shop and learn about food sourcing and meal prep during the open hearth cooking session. New this year will be a look at S.T.E.A.M. in the 19th century, with activities centered around gears and pulleys, building catapults and exploring anthropological archaeology," said Museum Director Jessica K. Fontaine.

Students interested in Teen Leader Workshops must register by June 25 and can attend full-day sessions for \$250 or half-day sessions for \$150. Students taking two or more Teen Leader Workshops who are interested in attending for free can sign up for the museum's Teen Leader Training Week, taking place July 13-16. This special second session will impart skills and training needed to become a counselor at Storowton's Early American Summer Programs, happening July 20-23.

"All skills learned during Teen Leader Training Week are adaptable for life outside of our Village, plus teens will get to meet leaders in our community who once participated in youth opportunities here at Eastern States Exposition," Fontaine said.

Children who have completed grades 1-5 by the end of the school year may sign up for Early American Summer Programs. They can pick their own 19th century history adventure, via half-day sessions about Toys & Games, Nature, Art & Native American Life, Homesteading or Archaeology. Two full-day sessions will focus on 19th Century Stage and S.T.E.A.M., complete with components like a friends & family stage performance or a spot in Storowton's Narrow Sea Regatta toy boat race.

"The Narrow Sea Regatta is a long-standing tradition here at the Village and is incredibly fun! Early American Summer Programs are jam-packed with activities, from engineering and the environment to art and sustainability. We're excited Native American expert Gail White and Cactus Head Puppets will be joining us that week. They're museum visitor favorites and we're glad to have them take part," Fontaine said.

Attend all four days for \$185, a single full day for \$60 or a half-day session for \$40. Pick two half-day sessions for \$60. Registration for Early American Summer Programs closes July 9, 2020.

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